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Re: City of Lynchburg 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan Draft Goals and Public Meeting

The City of Lynchburg is beginning the combined process for developing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period 2015 – 2020 and the Program Year 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Annual Action Plan. The City, as an entitlement jurisdiction for both CDBG and HOME programs, is required to submit these documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for receipt of these federal funds. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby the community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. The Annual Action Plan develops the activities and strategies to be implemented during a single program year based on the goals and priorities adopted in the Consolidated Plan.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is appointed by City Council to serve as an advisory board for administering the CDBG and HOME programs. Five members of target neighborhoods, along with two representatives from City Council, provide guidance and recommendations to City Council on overall goals and priorities, program activities, funding allocations, and program evaluation. CDAC plays an important role in the process of developing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, serving as the primary facilitator for citizen's to participate in all stages of the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG and HOME programs. CDAC will hold several public meetings throughout the development process, as part of the City's Citizen Participation Plan, to allow opportunities for City residents, public, community organizations, and agencies to provide input on identifying the needs the Consolidated Plan will address and strategies for implementing through established goals and priorities.

Attached to this letter are the draft goals for the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. This attachment shows the current goals as adopted in the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, and the proposed changes and additions to those goals. Also attached is a public notice inviting citizens to attend the public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Miller Center, Room 304 to provide CDAC with their comments on these draft goals. Recommendations developed from this meeting will be presented to City Council at Council's meeting on February 24, 2015.

If you need additional information, please contact the Grants Administration Office, located at 900 Church Street, City Hall, Lynchburg, VA 24504, by phone at 434-455-3913, or via email to [starlette.early@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:starlette.early@lynchburgva.gov).